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Read below about these and other stories.

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### **[Institute Collaboration on Tybee Island Adaptation Plan Wins National Award](#)**

With its Superior Outreach Programming Award, National Sea Grant has recognized a collaborative effort by the Institute of Government and Georgia Sea Grant to help the City of Tybee Island plan for rising sea levels. (more)

#### **Did you know?**

The Institute of Government partners with the Georgia Department of Revenue to provide online training for local Boards of Equalization members and alternates. [Learn more.](#)



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#### **Upcoming Events**

### **Georgia Finance Officers Earn Certification through Institute Training Program**

Thirty-one state finance officers obtained certification this summer through the Institute's State Financial Management Certificate Program for successfully completing an 84-hour curriculum that covers topics such as using the modified accrual basis of accounting. [\(more\)](#)

### **State Properties Commission Selects Institute for Extensive Website Redesign**

A decade after developing the original website, the Institute was chosen by the State Properties Commission to revamp the Building, Land, and Lease Inventory of Property (BLLIP) website, the state's centralized data warehouse of holdings in land, lease, and other assets. [\(more\)](#)

### **Institute Completes Urban Redevelopment Plan for Three-City Collaboration**

Leaders in Forest Park, Lake City, and Morrow are implementing a detailed urban redevelopment plan prepared by the Institute to assist the cities' effort to encourage revitalization efforts in a blighted commercial corridor near Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport. [\(more\)](#)

### **Students Chosen for Vinson Institute Fellows Program Begin Fall Internship Projects**

Three University of Georgia seniors selected as Vinson Institute Fellows for fall semester have been paired with Institute faculty on projects that include creating a "complete streets" webinar for government leaders and comparing successful executive leadership programs. [\(more\)](#)

### **Local Government Finance Officers Recognized for Completing Institute Program**

Nearly four dozen local finance officers from across Georgia attained certification earlier this year through the Institute's financial management training program by learning sound management techniques in areas such as accounting principles and payroll administration. [\(more\)](#)

### **Institute Provides Training for Faculty, Administrators from Chinese Governance Academy**

Twenty faculty members and administrators from the China Executive Leadership Academy, Yan'an (CELAY), one of three national training centers for Chinese government

**GCCMA Fall Conference:**  
November 12–14

**Newly Elected Commissioners Conference:** December 2–5

**Biennial Institute for Georgia Legislators:** December 7–9

**Economic Development Professionals Training:** December 11

### **Newsorthy Notable**



**Mara Register**

Public Service Assistant

Mara, a faculty member in our Governmental Training, Education, and Development division, has more than 25 years of experience in local government, primarily in the areas of administration, downtown and community development, code enforcement, and local government planning. Currently, she is coordinating a comprehensive curriculum redesign in collaboration with ACCG, Georgia's association for county governments, and in September Mara assumed additional administrative responsibilities as the Institute's new Local Government Program Manager.

Our Partners in Training:



officials, visited Georgia recently for a 21-day training program led by the Institute of Government. [\(more\)](#)

**[Institute Review Finds Options for Enhancing Efficiency in Bowdon City Water Office](#)**

An organizational review the Institute performed for the City of Bowdon found that municipal leaders can strengthen the accountability and efficiency of its municipal water-billing operation without additional cost by transferring resources to the city clerk. [\(more\)](#)

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